

# CASCADE CAVE

(TICKET SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO EACH TOUR TIME.)

**ALL CASCADE CAVE TOUR TICKET SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO TOUR AT WELCOME CENTER.**

**ALL CASCADE CAVE TOURS STARTS PROMPTLY FROM CASCADE CAVE AREA PARKING LOT.**

**ALL CASCADE CAVE TOURS REQUIRE A SHORT DRIVE. TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED.**

Cascade Cave is one of the largest of over 200 caves in Carter County and is noted for its large chambers and numerous cave formations. Set your sights on the reflecting pool in the Lake Room, and the geologic diversity of the Cathedral Room. Finally entice yourself with our majestic 30-feet high underground waterfall.

Tours available year-round.

**Daily: 10:30AM, 2:30PM**

Dress For Weather Elements Outside

**WALKING DISTANCE:** 3/4 mile w/225 stair steps

**DURATION:** About 75 minutes

**TEMPERATURE:** 30-50 degrees (variable)

**ADMISSION:** \$9.00—age 13 & up  
\$5.00—age 3 - 12  
FREE—age 2 & under

# X-CAVE

(WE RECOMMEND PURCHASING TICKETS AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO TOUR TIMES.)

**X-CAVE STARTS PROMPTLY IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER AND IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE WELCOME CENTER.**

X-cave has two vertical joint passages that meander through a large layer of limestone, putting you up-close to beautiful cave formations. Features include turkey rock, the pipe organ, and the giant column which is the largest cave formation found at the park. Be aware of your surroundings and you will discover how this cave became known as "X-Cave."

Tours available year-round.

**Daily: 1:00PM, 4:30PM**

Dress For Weather Elements Outside

**WALKING DISTANCE:** About 1/4 mile

**DURATION:** About 45 minutes

**TEMPERATURE:** 30 - 50 degrees (variable)

**DIFFICULTY:** Includes 75 stair steps through narrow passages; some stooping, electrically lit.

**ADMISSION:** \$7.00—age 13 & up  
\$4.00—age 3 - 12  
FREE—age 2 & under

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 23 & May 11: "BYOK" Tygart Creek Float Trip**

**March 29-31: Easter Getaway Weekend**

**April 6: Eastern Mining Collectors Association Spring Meet and Show**

**April 13 & 14 & May 12: Tygart Creek Canoe Excursion**

**April 19-21: Wildflower Weekend**

**April 26-28: Campers Appreciation Weekend**

**May 4-5: Smoky Bridge High Line Ride**

**May 18: Exploring the New Frontier Hike**

**June 15: Grayson Lake Paddle Trip**

**July 22-28: Pioneer Life Week**

**September 4-7: Fraley Festival of Traditional Music**

**September 28th: Tygart Gorge and Arches Hike**

**Oct 4-5: Bluegrass at "The Caves" Festival**

**Oct 11,12,18 &19: Carter Caves Haunted Trail**

**November 1 & 2: Murder Mystery Theater**



# White-Nose Syndrome & Cave Tours

All Caves are closed except for park-led tours of X-Cave & Cascade Cave until further notice. White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) is a disease that is killing 90-100% of hibernating bats in infected caves. WNS does not have any effect on humans, livestock or pets only hibernating bats. WNS was found February 2013 at Carter Caves in Bat Cave, Saltpetre Cave, and Laurel Caves. Therefore, Carter Caves State Resort Park, like many other commercial caves and parks have done, is requiring all cave tour visitors to go through a decontamination station upon exit of the cave tours. These measures could help slow down the spread of White-Nose Syndrome into unaffected caves in other states.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Do not wear the shoes, clothing, or carry objects that you had with you while on a cave tour at Carter Caves into another cave system outside of Carter Caves area. This will possibly prevent any unintentional spread of the disease to unaffected areas.

## PROHIBITED ON CAVE TOURS

Because of the possibility of White-Nose Syndrome contamination, the following are **prohibited on cave tours**:

- Camera bags, tripods, strollers, backpacks, luggage, etc.
- Pets
- BAGS of any type, including purses, fanny packs, diaper bags, camera cases, etc. Bags containing necessary medical supplies are permitted.
- Sandals/flip-flops, etc. Please wear appropriate shoes that cover the entire foot for safety.

## REQUIRED PARTICIPANT DECONTAMINATION PROTOCOL

All cave touring participants at Carter Caves State Resort Park will be required to walk on bio-mats after exiting the cave tour. This process will require each individual to walk across the length of an outdoor carpet and across a bio mat containing water. This process has been proven to help prevent the spread of spores. This process will assist bat ecologists and will be a precaution to what WE CAN DO for the betterment of bat species. Thank you for your assistance with these procedures. **NOTE: Please review these procedures before you purchase any cave tour tickets as refunds cannot be issued at the Welcome Center.**

## DIRECTIONS TO CASCADE CAVE

Cascade Cave is 3.4 miles from here.  
Turn left out of the Welcome Center parking lot;  
turn right at the first stop sign onto Route 182;  
travel 1.6 miles on Route 182,  
turn right onto Route 209 at the top of the hill.  
Cascade Cave parking lot is 0.6 miles on the left.

Tours are led by trained guides and are conducted at a leisurely pace.

Questions are encouraged from tour participants.

Comfortable walking shoes with tread  
soles are encouraged  
(some surfaces may be wet and slick).

Dress accordingly to the current weather conditions.



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## CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK

# CAVE TOURS

March 7, 2013 – March 29, 2013  
LATE WINTER SCHEDULE

**TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**All Caves are closed except for park-led tours of X-Cave & Cascade Cave until further notice!**

White Nose Syndrome, a disease that is killing 90-100% of hibernating bats in infected caves, was found in February 2013 at Carter Caves SRP within Bat Cave, Saltpetre Cave and Laurel Cave. In 2009, the Department of Parks closed all the caves within Carter Caves SRP except for guided tours of X-Cave & Cascade Cave. The park has been implementing decontamination procedures for all cave tour participants since the fall of 2011.

For additional information on the White Nose Syndrome you can visit the following website:  
[www.whitenosesyndrome.org](http://www.whitenosesyndrome.org)  
<http://www.fws.gov/WhiteNoseSyndrome/>

**TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
WITHOUT NOTICE.**

